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SUBJECT: PRESS STATEMENT ON STEPS TO END DPRK NUCLEAR

WEAPONS PROGRAM

¶1. ACTION REQUEST - USUN is instructed to support and vote for in the Council meeting of Monday, June 30 the text in para 2 below of a UNSC press statement on latest steps towards securing denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula. End of action request.

## 12. Begin text of press statement:

The Security Council members welcome the DPRK's provision of a declaration of its nuclear programs as part of the Six-Party process. This, coupled with the steps the DPRK has taken to disable, for the purpose of abandonment, its ability to produce plutonium for nuclear weapons, and its destruction of the cooling tower of the Yongbyon nuclear facility, are important steps towards the goal of the full implementation of the September 2005 Six-Party Joint Statement.

The Security Council members support the Six Parties' continued work towards the verifiable end of all DPRK nuclear programs and activities, so as to achieve each of the goals set in the above-mentioned Joint Statement and in resolution 1718 at an early date.

The Security Council members note that the DPRK declaration, including its claims regarding uranium enrichment and proliferation activities, must be subjected to a comprehensive and rigorous verification process aimed at resolving any discrepancies and verifying the accuracy and completeness of the declaration. They reiterate the centrality of the IAEA in providing the necessary assurances in this regard.

The Security Council members are pleased that the Six-Party principle of "action for action," in which the United States, China, Japan, the ROK and Russia have fulfilled commitments aligned with steps by North Korea to meet its commitments on nuclearization, is working.

The Security Council members also strongly urge the DPRK to take prompt actions to address other security and human rights/humanitarian concerns, including the early resolution of the abduction issue.

End statement.
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